City of Somerville Licensing Commission

Regular Meeting by Remote Participation

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the Licensing Commission will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website.

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COMMUNICATIONS

1.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY REGARDING THE OPENING OF LARGE CAPACITY VENUES

On March 18, 2021, Governor Charlie Baker confirmed that the state will move into Phase 4, Step 1, of its reopening plan on March 22, 2021. Part of this phase and step includes the reopening of large capacity venues. An explanation of how these venues may reopen can be found HERE.

For all licensees for on-premises alcohol consumption with a capacity under 5,000 patrons, there are no changes to their current required operating procedures, other than with regards to private events. Licensees may host private events (i.e. wedding, christening, bar mitzvah) of up to 100 people indoors and up to 150 people outdoors. Licensees must follow the latest Indoor and Outdoor Event Rules.

Beginning March 22, 2021, all "large capacity venues," i.e. those licensees with a capacity of 5,000 or more patrons (indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas, ballparks, or similar facilities used for spectator sports, entertainment, or similar performances), may commence operations and the sale of alcohol with the following requirements:

1) the licensee must file a facility-specific COVID-19 plan with the Department of Public Health;

- 2) the licensee may operate at up to 12% of permitted capacity as specified on the certificate of occupancy. Occupancy counts include all spectators and attendees but exclude workers and staff employed by the venue:
- 3) the licensee is responsible for complying with sector-specific rules applicable to all activities conducted at the facility, including musical performances;1
- 4) for food service: a. any counter service or passed or in-seat service to spectators must follow relevant provisions of Indoor and Outdoor Events rules, and
- b. seated table service must follow Restaurant rules;
- 1 All sector-specific rules, including for all types of licensees for on-premises alcohol consumption, including restaurants, indoor/outdoor events, and large capacity venues, can be found at: https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-sector-specific-safety-rules-for-large-capacity-venues-permitted-to-open-to-the-public-in-phase-iv-of-the-commonwealths-re-opening-plan/download2
- 5) for alcohol service: a. counter service or passed or in-seat service to spectators must follow relevant provisions of Indoor and Outdoor Events rules (drink service may be provided by servers and alcoholic beverages do not have to be accompanied by food orders), and
- b. seated table service must follow Restaurant rules; and
- 6) private events must follow the latest Indoor and Outdoor Event rules.

Any question regards these guidelines should be directed by phone to 2-1-1 or 1-877-211-MASS (6277), or online at:

https://mass211.org/

As always, all licensees must ensure that they comply with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that sales of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by federal, state, and local law. Any additional questions should be directed to the ABCC Executive Director Ralph Sacramone at rsacramone@tre.state.ma.us or (617) 727-3040 x 731. (Issued March 19, 2021)

EXISTING Wine & Malt Alcohol License CHANGE OF HOURS

2. Sri Shaki Corp d/b/a Dosa N Curry, 447 Somerville Ave. requesting approval for a Change in Hours: Current Hours to serve Food Indoors:

Application States: 11:30am - 10:00pm - License States: Mon-Sat 11:30am - 10:00pm and Sun 11:30am - 10:30pm

Proposed Hours to serve Food Indoors: Sun-Sat 6:00am-10:00pm

Current Hours to serve Alcohol Indoors:

Application States: 11:30am – 10:00pm – License States: Mon-Sat 11:30am-10:00pm and Sun 11:30am-10:30pm

Proposed Hours to serve Alcohol Indoors – Sun-Sat 11:30am – 10:00pm

EXISTING All Forms Alcohol License CHANGE OF HOURS

3. Demeter Hospitality Group LLC d/b/a Daddy Jones, 525 Medford St. requesting approval for a Change in Hours:

License states Current Hours to serve Alcohol INDOORS: License states current hours to serve food INDOORS:

Monday-Wednesday: 5PM-12AMMonday-Wednesday: 5PM-10PMThursday-Friday: 5PM-1AMThursday-Friday: 5PM-11PMSaturday: 11AM-1AMSaturday: 11AM-11PMSunday:11AM-12AMSunday:11AM-10PM

Application States Current Hours to serve Alcohol INDOORS:

Starts at 4pm on Weekdays, 11am on Weekends

Application States Current Hours to serve food INDOORS:

4pm-11pm

PROPOSED Hours to serve Alcohol INDOORS: PROPOSED Hours to serve food INDOORS:

NO DAYS LISTED - 11AM-1AM NO DAYS LISTED - 4PM-11PM

Current Hours to serve Alcohol OUTDOORS Private: Current Hours to serve food OUTDOORS Private:

Starts at 4pm Starts at 4pm weekdays, 11am on weekends

PROPOSED Hours to serve Alcohol OUTDOORS Private: PROPOSED Hours to serve food OUTDOORS Private:

No Days listed 11am-10pm No Days listed - 8am-9pm

Current Hours to serve Alcohol OUTDOORS Public: Current Hours to serve food OUTDOORS Public:

Starts at 4pm weekdays, 11am on weekends Starts at 4pm

PROPOSED Hours to serve Alcohol OUTDOORS Public: PROPOSED Hours to serve food OUTDOORS Public:

No Days listed 11am No End Time No Days listed - 8am-9pm

PROPOSED OPENING ON SUNDAY: 8AM

NEW Enhancement Area Wine & Malt License, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices, and Sunday Hours Licenses

4. Koshari Mama, LLC d/b/a Koshari Mama, 586-585 Somerville Ave. requesting approval for an Enhancement Area Wine & Malt Restaurant License, a Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Sunday Hours Licenses

Hours to serve Food and Alcohol: Mon – closed, Tue-Fri 11:00am – 9:00pm, Sat 11:00am – 10:00pm and Sun 11:00am – 8:00pm (AL21-000005)

NEW Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Outdoor Private Seating License

5. La Joie, LLC d/b/a Le Macaron 411 Artisan Way Debra Hilton-Creek Manager to be Determined Hours of Operation Indoors: Mon-Sat 7:00am – 9:00pm and Sun 7:00am-5:00pm Hours Outdoors on Private Property, Spring, Summer and Fall: Mon-Sat 7:00am – 7:00pm and Sun 7:00am-4:00pm (AL21-000006)

<u>NEW</u> Common Victualler License

 Cambridge Public Health Commission d/b/a Somerville Hospital Kitchen
 33 Tower St.
 Yvonne Johnson
 Hours of Operation: Sun-Sat 6:30am – 6:00pm (AL21-000007)

NEW ASSEMBLY ROW All Forms Alcohol License, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices, Outdoor Private Seating, Outdoor Heaters and Sunday Hours Licenses

7. Parla Mystic Corporation d/b/a Parla XXI, 631 Assembly Row requests approval of an Assembly Row All Forms Alcohol License, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices License Outdoor Private Seating License, Outdoor Heaters and a Sunday Hours License

Hours of Operation for Food Indoors and Outdoors: No Days Listed, Appl. states: 7:00am – 1:00am

Will Require Alcohol Service Hours – Hours ALLOWED: Mon. - Sat. 8:00am – 1:00am,

Sun. – 12:00pm – 1:00am or **10:00am – 1:00am (**see MGL 138, 33B) TO BE APPROVED BY LIC. COMM.

Hours of Operation for Alcohol Outdoors: Sun-Sat 11:00am – 1:00am

(AL21-000008)